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SUBJ: DNG WORKING GROUP MASS MEDIA - 2ND MEETING

1. THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WG ON MASS MEDIA WAS
CONVENED BY INDIAN CHAIRMAN SATURDAY MORNING AND MET
FOR ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS.

2. ORIGINAL POSITIONS WERE MAINTAINED. BYEL. RUSS,
CUBA AND KOWEIT STUCK TO GUNS THAT DEC. DRAFT MUST BE
THE BASIS OF OUR DELIBERATIONS. FRANCE, JAPAN AND US
REITERATED THAT WE WOULD NOT ENTER INTO A DISCUSSION
OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEC. DRAFT. HOWEVER, WE ALL
AGREED TO DISCUSS PRINCIPLES, CONCEPTS AND IDEAS. WE
ALL EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE NEEDS OF THE THIRD WORLD
WERE REAL AND THAT WE WOULD WELCOME A MORE COMPLETE
DISCUSSION ALONG THESE LINES. OUR JOINT APPROACH WAS
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POSITIVE, YET FIRM AS TO THE DEC. DRAFT.

3. AFTER INITIAL INTERVENTIONS IT WAS CLEAR THAT A DEADLOCK HAD BEEN REACHED AND THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT WE BEGIN TO CONSIDER OTHER METHODS OF PROCEDURE. AT THAT POINT DIENE, SENEGAL, PROPOSED THAT ONE PERSON, SUGGESTING GARBO OF NORWAY, BE APPOINTED TO PUT TOGETHER SOME LANGUAGE WHICH COULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. DIENE PROPOSED THAT GARBO HAVE COMPLETE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE HIS REFERENCES AND THAT WE COULD ALL GIVE HIM OUR IDEAS.

4. THIS PROPOSAL WAS GENERALLY GREETED WITH APPROVAL. THE BYEL. RUSS AND CUBANS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS AND CALLED FOR THE USUAL BALANCED WORKING GROUP WHICH WOULD REFLECT ALL VIEWS. THE REST OF THE GROUP, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN REJECTED THIS AS ONLY LEADING TO A REPEAT OF OUR ALREADY EXISTING DEADLOCK.

5. IN THE COURSE OF THE DEBATE, THE NIGERIAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CONSILIATORY TONE OF THE US, BUT EXPRESSED GREAT DISPLEASURE AT WESTERN MEDIA, POINTING TO WHAT HE CONSIDERED UNBALANCED COVERAGE OF THE NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR AND NIGERIAN SUPPORT OF THE MPLA IN ANGOLA.

6. FINAL CONCLUSION WAS THAT GARBO WAS DESIGNATED BY THE WG TO PUT TOGETHER LANGUAGE WHICH COULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. GARBO ASKED TO HAVE UNTIL WEDNESDAY TO REPORT AND ANOTHER MEETING WAS SET FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING.

7. COMMENT: SELECTION OF GARBO IS A PLUS AS HE DOES GENERALLY AGREE WITH US POSITION ON MASS MEDIA. ALSO, HE WILL BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY SCANDANAVIAN TEXT. DANGER IS THAT GARBO MAY TRY TO DRAFT A NEW DECLARATION GETTING THE WG OFF ON AN EXERCISE IN TRYING TO COME UP WITH A NEXT TEXT. WE PROPOSE TO ONLY GIVE GARBO THE TEXT OF THE KIRKPATRICK STATEMENT AS OUR INPUT. WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND GIVING HIM THE ALTERNATE TEXT AS THIS MIGHT ENCOURAGE HIM TO GO TOO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAR. IN ANY CASE, AS HE IS A MEMBER OF THE INFORMATION GROUP HE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE ALTERNATE DRAFT AND IN FACT MADE INPUTS THEREIN. PRODUCTION OF THE GARBO TEXT WILL SURELY LEAD TO ANOTHER LONG DISCUSSION. BEST JUDGMENT IS THAT SOME SORT OF DOCUMENT WILL EMERGE FROM THE DNG GOING BEYOND MERELY PUTTING OFF TO NEXT GEN. CONF. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE MERELY A STATEMENT OF DIFFERING PRINCIPLES WHICH CAN FORM THE

BASIS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS. WOULD WELCOME ANY
ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS.
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